

# Central Church of Christ

August 16, 2009

## ***PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY:***

**WAYNE NEVINS** is going to have a stent put in on August 17th. **GERALDINE PAYNE** is in the local hospital in room 2.

Also keep these people in your hearts and prayers:

Bettie Smith, Clayton Williams, Myrtle Jennings, Paul Cox, Evelyn McCrary, John & Frankie Brookins, T.A. & Gene Hayhurst, Jay Weddel, David Tucker, Alvis Miller, Linda Hayhurst and Mabel Sadler.

Mark your calendars for August 22nd and 23rd. Dr. Kirt Martin a Professor of Biology at Lubbock Christian University will be here to discuss evolution. Saturday, the 22nd at 6:00 p.m. talk about "The Age of the Earth" and "The Fossil Record". Sunday morning class: "Intelligent Design", Sunday assembly: "God's Eternal Power and Divine Nature" and Sunday evening: "Science". Please make plans to join us.

Dear Church Family,

To each one of you who sent a card, flowers or gifts, those who wrote a note, called or made a hospital or home visit - we say "thank you"! To each one of you who prepared a meal for us - "thank you"! It was such a help to us and we appreciate it more than we can express. You have been an encouragement to us. Thank you for all of your prayers. It is wonderful to be part of such a loving "family" as this!

Love in Christ,

Sharon & Joe Bob

## **SUMMER SERIES 2009**

August 19th-David Lough of University C of C  
September 2nd - Trey Morgan of Childress

### Morning Service

Singing

Song

Song

Song

**REFLECTION & LORD'S SUPPER  
WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION**

Song

Song

**Prayer**

Song

**~Bruce~**

Song

Announcements

Bob Colson

**Ladies:** You have been invited to Pine Springs for a Ladies Retreat on September 11-13. The cost is \$50.00. Each year a different church hosts the event and this year it is Westside Church of Christ in El Paso. If you are interested please see

### **Happy Birthday!!!**

18th-Donna Adams  
21st-Carl Jennings

Today is our  
**POTLUCK  
LUNCHEON** and  
early service. Please  
plan to stay and  
join us.

Records for 8/9/2009

Bible Class: 89    Worship: 123    Contribution: \$2,338

His name was Tom, he had wild hair and wore a t-shirt with holes in it, jeans and no shoes. This was his wardrobe the entire 4 years of college. He is

brilliant and kind of profound and very bright. He became a Christian while in college. Across from the college was a very conservative Church. They want to establish a student ministry but are not sure how to go about it. One day Tom decides to go there. He walks in with his t-shirt on, jeans and no shoes and his wild hair. The service has already started so he makes his way down the aisle looking for a seat.. The church is completely packed and he can't find a seat. By now people are looking a little bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. Tom gets closer and closer to the pulpit, and when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats there on the carpet. By now the people are really uptight and the tension is in the air. About this time the minister realizes that from way back at the church, one of the Elders is slowly making his way down to Tom.. You see this elder is a gray headed man in his eighties, wearing a 3 piece suit. A very Godly man, and very elegant and very dignified. He walks with a cane and as he starts walking toward the boy, everyone is saying to themselves, you can't blame him for what he's about to do. How can you expect a man of his age to understand some college kid on the floor It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The church is utterly silent except for the clicking of the elders cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The minister can't even preach his sermon until the Elder does what he needs to do. And now they see this elderly man, drop his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he lowers himself down and sits on the floor next to Tom to worship with him so that he won't have to worship alone. Everyone chokes up with emotion. When the minister gains control he says "What I am going to preach on no one will remember. What you have just seen no one will ever forget. Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some people read.

## *A Word from Bruce*

"Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing". - **Helen Keller**

"Keep away from people who belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great". - **Mark Twain**

"Living at risk is jumping off the cliff and building your wings on the way down". - **Ray Bradbury**

"If things seem under control, you are just not going fast enough". - **Mario Andretti**

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I . . . I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference". - **Robert Frost**

"The dangers of life are infinite, and among them is safety". - **Goethe**

"The secret to my success is that I bit off more than I could chew and chewed as fast as I could". - **Paul Hogan**

"Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly." — **Robert F. Kennedy**

"Progress always involves risk; you can't steal second base and keep your foot on first". - **Frederick Wilcox**

"Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far they can go". - **T.S. Eliot**

**Matthew 28:16-20** - The Great Commission (Many times we see it as THE GREAT RISK!)

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**Romans 8:31-39** - What, then, shall we say in response to this? **If God is for us, who can be against us?** He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, **graciously give us all things?** Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, **in all these things** we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.